

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A modular paneling assembly comprising:
at least one elongated panel member having an upper edge portion and a
5 lower edge portion;
a lower rail defining a lower recess for receiving and supporting said
lower edge portion of said panel member;
an upper rail defining an upper recess for receiving said upper edge
portion of said panel member, said upper recess being deeper than said lower recess;
10 said upper and lower recesses spaced apart a distance greater than the
distance between said upper and lower edge portions such that the panel member is
removably retained in said recesses when supported by said bottom rail.
2. The modular paneling assembly of claim 1 wherein said lower and
upper rails are mounted to a mounting surface.
3. The modular paneling assembly of claim 2 wherein said upper rail
further comprises a downwardly extending lip, wherein said lip and the mounting
surface form said upper recess.
4. The modular paneling assembly of claim 2 wherein said lower rail
further comprises an upwardly extending lip and a base surface, wherein said upwardly
extending lip, said base surface and said mounting surface form said lower recess.
5. The modular paneling construction of claim 2 further comprising at
least one fastener for coupling at least one of said top rail and said bottom rail to said
mounting surface.
6. The modular paneling assembly of claim 1 wherein said panel member
further comprises at least one longitudinal side having a lip for mating with an adjacent
panel member.
7. The modular paneling assembly of claim 6 wherein said panel member
comprises at least one chamfered edge.
8. The modular paneling assembly of claim 1 wherein said at least one
panel member is formed of cedar wood.

9. The modular paneling assembly of claim 1 wherein said upper rail is formed of cedar wood.

10. The modular paneling assembly of claim 1 wherein said lower rail is formed of cedar wood.

11. A method of applying a paneling assembly to a mounting surface comprising the steps of:

providing an elongated panel member having an upper edge portion and a lower edge portion;

5 providing a lower rail defining a lower recess for receiving and supporting said lower edge portion of said panel member;

providing an upper rail defining an upper recess for receiving said upper edge portion of said panel member, said upper recess being deeper than said lower recess;

10 mounting said upper rail and lower rail on a mounting surface, said upper and lower recesses spaced apart a distance greater than the distance between said upper and lower edge portions such that the panel member may be removably retained in said recesses when supported by said bottom rail.

12. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of:
inserting the upper edge portion of the panel member into the upper recess.

5 13. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of:
inserting the lower edge portion of the panel member into the lower recess.